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In re Application of  
Michael J. Rodriguez et al  
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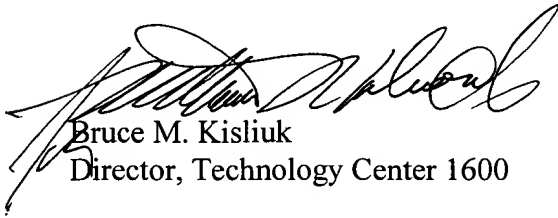
This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed April 3, 2003, requesting revival of the above-identified application based on timely reply to an Office action.

A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on July 26, 2002, setting a three month shortened statutory time period for reply. Upon failure to receive a reply the application was held abandoned by Notice of Abandonment mailed to applicant on March 11, 2003. Applicants state that a reply was filed on November 22, 2002, accompanied by a request for a one month extension of time and fee therefor. Upon failure to correlate the reply with the file the application was held abandoned by Notice of Abandonment mailed to applicants on March 11, 2003. Applicants provide evidence of a timely reply having been mailed to the Office by Express Mail on November 22, 2002. In view thereof the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn and the application restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration following entry of applicants' reply.**

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, PO BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

  
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